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NA	Establish policy that County field use policies be updated on a regular basis (suggest 3 to 5 years).	Twenty years is far too long between updates. Regular updates should be considered to ensure policy is consistent with changing use patterns.	
ALL	The whole policy	This whole policy appears to once again favor youth organizations and discriminate against adult user groups, especially out-of-county individuals and teams.	
ALL	The whole policy	Having been part of many focus groups as well as other feedback sessions, I do not feel that the policy reflects the opinions of organization representatives expressed in these meetings.	
ALL	The whole policy	It is very disappointing to see this policy draft as it appears to be just the opposite of what it is intended to do. It is discriminating. It is not fair. It does not guarantee anything for anybody. After all the work invested in this project, it is an utter shame to see this result.	

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Introduction	No change to the wording is proposed but the policy as currently written DOES discriminate.	<p>Regarding Page One: Proposed New Fairfax County Field Allocation Policy Goes to the Public</p> <p>Does not discriminate by sport, ability or gender.</p> <p>This policy <u>does</u> discriminate by sport. Although over 50% of annual outdoor field use is by adult and youth soccer, the primary sport designation elevates the allocation priority of minority sports of baseball (16% of total Annual usage), softball (15%), Lacrosse (3%) and Field Hockey (<1%) in the spring so that those fields get first choice of fields. This system has effectively reduced the number of fields available to soccer players in the spring, limiting participation and discriminates against those users.</p> <p>A PROPORTIONAL system would allocate fields based on participation. If a sport was more popular than another, it would receive more fields. If popularity changed over time, then allocation would change every year instead of every 20 years as has been the case with the PRIMARY SEASON approach.</p> <p>In addition, the field allocation formulas effectively give the diamond sports almost TWICE the field space when compared with the Rectangular field sports. Again the system discriminates against the Rectangular field community.</p> <p>Finally, it's noticed that the word "age" does not appear in this objective. The new and current policy discriminates against adult users. It only provides one event per week and prioritizes daylight use to youth sports. Adults should have equal footing with youth sports when requesting a second weekly event and should also be granted daylight space on an equal footing once all lighted field access is utilized.</p>	

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INTRO	Guarantees all sports an equal and proportional amount of game and practice time and events per week per season.	<p>Guarantees all sports the proportional...., based upon the sport standard.</p> <p>It's unclear how the sport standard has been derived. In most communities that I'm familiar with, there are (3) events per week for youth sports for ages 7 and above. Those events are either (3) practices, games or a combination of the two. The new formulas give Rectangular field users only (2) events for ages 10 and below. Conversely diamond field users get (3) events for 7-10 year olds, (4) events for 11-15 year olds and (5) events for 16-18 year olds.</p> <p>I would expect that diamond field users would claim that these comparatively high number of events are needed in order to compete with neighboring jurisdictions.</p> <p>I recall a conversation with a Lacrosse parent a few years ago when they were complaining that soccer wasn't yielding enough fields to Lacrosse. During the conversation, the parent claimed that at least three practices were needed per week in order to remain competitive. I responded that we don't have enough fields to offer (3) practices a week.</p> <p>All sports, particularly the higher level teams would like to have more than (3) events per week. We don't have the resources to accommodate this expectation. <u>All sports should be limited to (3) events per week.</u> If we have excess inventory, once we allocate 3 events to all primary and secondary youth sports and the 1 or 2 events to adults, we can then increase the number of events for primary sports. This would give primary sports first choice of fields and times but also allow secondary sports some chance of being able to provide a quality experience in their "off" season.</p>	

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INTRO	Provides for inclement weather (make up games) based upon available space while at the same time seeks to utilize make up game allocations for other uses whenever that space is available.	<p>Provides for inclement weather...</p> <p>Please do NOT further reduce secondary sport allocations in the spring to provide make up game space that might not be used by the primary sports..</p> <p>An example of how it could work...For the fall season, one of the large soccer clubs is concluding negotiations with DCRS and one of the Non-Profit Lacrosse companies to repermit Sunday field space to Lacrosse that was planned for occasional game and make game usage by the Soccer Club. If we have a particularly rainy fall, that space will be needed by Soccer. If not, then the best use is to conditionally share the space with the secondary season sport of Lacrosse. These types of conditional usage policies should become part of formal policy so we get as many kids and adults playing the sport of their choice in their season of choice. Current county policy does not facilitate sharing of fields that are allocated but not used for make up games.</p> <p>I did not see any language in the body of the document defining how make up game space would be calculated..</p> <p>SUGGESTED LANGUAGE: Each primary sport will be allocated (3) weekly events. Once that allocation occurs, lower priority sports will be allocated up to (3) weekly events. Five percent (5%) of overall county field space reserved for game makeups and will be allocated to the clubs. The clubs need to identify their makeup game space to DCRS so that if alternative users would like to access that space conditional to allocated make game use, that use can be scheduled and coordinated.</p>	
30	Define FCPA and FCPS on first use.	Acronym not defined.	
32-34	Use of County Athletic Fields by ... community use.	This document does not specify the times that fields can be permitted. It could be done in a chart or reference someplace online. For example, Field X is only available after 3pm during the Fall Sport season. Other fields may be available for permit use from 10am to 5pm.	
33-34	Provide definition of "Periods designated for community use"	III. A. "Periods designated for community use" not defined.	

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42-43	Delete paragraph.	III. E. Paragraph as written appears to limit a field's use to the specific sport that CRS assigned to the field. This limitation precludes multi-sport organizations from adjusting usage among sports programs to best serve sports programs needs. While some multi-sport organizations have abused their current ability to distribute fields among sports, the rules should not penalize all multi-sport organizations.	
After line 43, add:	F. Groups shall be assigned only to fields for which there is adequate parking space in the facility's designated parking lots.	Small, neighborhood parks do not have adequate parking to accommodate large numbers of drive-up users. For example, Dowden Terrace Park has fewer than 20 designated spaces. Any additional drive-up users would have to park on neighborhood streets. This would violate the rule on lines 459-460. Therefore, this section of the proposal should take this limitation into account.	
44	Add a definition for definition of designated contact individual per sport (sport coordinator) as mentioned in line 131-132.	What is the purpose of this sports coordinator should be in the definition To be a contact for resolving issues? To receive a copy of the allocations? To submit the application?	
44	I suggest adding to the definitions sections a description of the kinds of fields.	The potential users reading this document could benefit by knowing the specific descriptions, dimensions, and terminology, when talking fields.	
45	replace "18" with "20"	IV.A. Unless the language is changed, there is an overlap with "Youth Sports" (lines 91 - 92) for age 18.	
45 (p.5) 91 (p.6)	The definition for Adult sports is players 18 years of age and older while Youth sports is players who are under 19 years of age. The definition should be Adults are 19 and older and youth are 18 or younger.	The definitions should be consistent.	
48	Add Athletic Council to Definition section.	The public should know role the Athletic Council plays and the member representation.	
57 - 59	Either the language needs to be changed or something needs to be added at the end.	IV.F. As proposed, this definition could include a local youth club made up entirely of unpaid volunteers because its revenues exceed its expenditures and it sells a few t-shirts, hot dogs, or advertising at some events it sponsors, such as a tournament or an awards picnic.	
81-82	Delete this definition	Sports should not be given a primary or secondary season. Registrations from each sport should be tallied each season and fields allocated proportionally. Players register for their primary sport and these choices should not be overruled by the County.	

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81-85	<p>1. Applicants will receive practice and game allocations based on proportional use. This approach will allocate fields based on user demand. This will allow Field use to evolve as sports interests within the county evolve.</p> <p>1. Youth sports by applying the number of players per sport as a ratio against players of all sports. As such fields will be allocated by proportional use.</p> <p>2. Adults sports by proportional use.</p> <p>b. Groups of individual teams, not affiliated with an organization.</p> <p>c. Athletic League/Organizations</p>	<p>LINE 81,85:Primary/Secondary Sport designation and allocation policies should be discarded and replaced by proportional usage. <u>In business, products with the greatest demand generate the highest levels of production.</u> In government, causes with the most effective lobby can often receive more than their proportional share of resources.</p>	
85-86	Delete this Definition	<p>Sports should not be given a primary or secondary season. Registrations from each sport should be tallied each season and fields allocated proportionally. Players register for their primary sport and these choices should not be overruled by the County.</p>	
87-88	However, it is recognized that baseball and softball outfields can be used by other sports such as soccer, lacrosse and field hockey for practices and games	Almost all fields can be used by multiple sports	
87,88	Sport Specific Field: Any field with a permanent configuration designed specifically for one sport. It's recognized that all field sports can use any field for small sided practices in order to make 100% use of scarce field resources.	<p>LINE 49, 87:Athletic Field Sports. The idea of fields dedicated to a particular type of sport should be examined in a couple of dimensions.</p> <p>First, we should immediately stop the building of fixed structures (backstops, outfield fences, goal posts) on our overlay fields. As demographics of the county change it's unclear as to what the most popular sports of the future might be. Fixed structures associated with one sport often hamper or eliminate other sports. The out field fences at Bonnie Brae and the foul area fences and dugouts at Robert Frost now prohibit Rectangular sports from using BBES and compromise usage by Football at Robert Frost.</p> <p>Second, roughly 60% of Fairfax County fields are diamonds and roughly 40% are rectangular fields. As such, overlay fields should be used by the diamond sports ONLY when all fenced diamond fields are 100% utilized. Secondly, since the new policy provides field space for U6 players, fenced in diamond outfields could be utilized for U6 rectangular sport practices since these age groups can practice in small spaces and incur limited damage to a field.</p>	
91	Change the age from 19 to 18.	Line 45 under definitions describes adult sports as those with players 18 and older, to be consistent this needs to be changed.	

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91-92	Change wording to 19 years of age or younger.	IV.S. Some high school seniors may turn 19 during the school year.	
93-99	Specifically: "... 67% of the participants on each team must be Fairfax County residents ..." should be changed to a lower number or charge a separate fee for non-resident participants.	Oakcrest School is an independent school and has students from the entire metro area. Oakcrest School moved to Fairfax County 3 years ago and is a not-for-profit organization. Our student population has grown since moving to Fairfax and our ratio of Fairfax residents has risen from 40% to 60%. It seems unfair to apply this standard to independent schools, which are not the same entity as a business or a locally run youth group. This standard would require that Oakcrest select Fairfax County residents for the varsity teams in order to comply with a 67% quota. This effort would contradict the academic and sportsmanship standards of a school.	
96	replace "they meet" with "it meets"	V.A. Number agreement	
97 x 4	At least 67% of the participants registered in each league must be Fairfax County residents.	Imposing a limitation on the percentage of out of county residents on each team will affect the quality of the leagues. The number of teams will be limited and thus the leagues will not be able to offer a range of divisions to it's residents.	
97	Agree with wording	I think we should enforce the limit on 'out of county' players (3 per team) to ensure that adequate facilities for county residents are available. Groups should not be allowed to use % of total registrations to meet the residency requirements. Perhaps you could match our programs to those of other counties. For example, nearly every jurisdiction provides youth rec & travel soccer but not a women's adult soccer program. We could prohibit ladies from registering to play ladies soccer in FX if their home jurisdiction does not provide fields for a ladies soccer program. Maybe that would force people to develop their own county programs.	
97	Residency Requirement	Please dont change the policy to: each teams requires 75% of your roster to be Fairfax County residents. I have played with the same team for about 3 years, I would hate it if our team had to beak up due this "new policy". Most of our team travel miles and miles to come together as a team to play ball. All of us have grown so close to eachother as a team. This is a stupid policy, I VOTE : NO	

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97	Delete	My softball has 6 out of county players, and 19 residents. I feel the residents are getting good value for their dollar currently, and see no reason that I should be forced to cut our out of county friends. These people may live in Arlington, but they do contribute to Fairfax economy. They buy meals, equipment and gas here, and not just on game night. They come here to practice, and to socialize. There is no intelligent reason to make our community less friendly to outside citizens..	
97		I also believe that teams that have sixty-seven percent non county players should be grand fathered until they age out of youth soccer. This could be for four years for some teams. I see no reason to be disruptive to existing teams.	
97, 98, 99	about County Residency requirements	County Residency requirements are a bit excessive. I have been an active participant and assistant manager for my team in the adult softball program in Fairfax County for the past two and a half years and a Fairfax County resident here are my thoughts. Fairfax County is part of the Washington Metropolitan Area. People work, go to school and have friends in the area and would like to participate with their friends in the community. Alternately, there are also Fairfax County residents who play in surrounding counties like Arlington, Loudon, and Montgomery. There rules are not as rigid against our counties residents and our rules shouldn't be so prohibitive. I understand that we want to have area parks used by residents but 2/3 of the active participants are already residents. I believe this is consistent with that intent without being prohibitive.	

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97-99		<p>Please do not decide to increase the percentage of county members a team must have on their roster.</p> <p>As a Prince Georges County Resident for over 20 years I have had the opportunity to enjoy the bi-county agreements it has set with bordering counties. I am a health care worker for INOVA in Reston, VA (Fairfax, CO). I have been playing on a co-ed team with Fairfax Adult Softball for nearly 5 years now. I enjoy my team, and the people I have met playing. I have no problems paying the extra it costs to roster me on my respective team.</p> <p>Please decide against this increase in numbers of FF County only on the roster...in my case it will probably fold our team, our friendships and our ability to play a sport we enjoy in a world where family and work allow little time for extra cirricular activities.</p>	
97 x 11		<p>Fairfax County is part of the northern Virginia metropolitan area. As such, people establish social, work, and other relationships that cut across jurisdictional boundaries. Accordingly, people who participate in Fairfax County athletic leagues want to be able to participate with the people with whom they have these relationships. Increasing to an 80% requirement will make it very difficult to obtain this objective. For your information, the residency requirement in Arlington County is 50% and in Loudoun County it is the same as our current requirement of 2/3. At the very least, if the amount is increased above 2/3, the residency requirement should take into account the people who work in Fairfax County. Pursuing reciprocal agreements with other jurisdictions, such as the one that exists with the City of Fairfax, is another alternative worth considering. Prince Georges and Montgomery County allow residents in counties who share boundaries to be considered toward their county percentage.</p>	
100	replace "by" with "the"	V.A.2. Grammatical correction	
101	delete "the"	V.A.2.	
After line 111, add:	6. Applicants must estimate the number of parking places users will need.	This is necessary to allow CRS to implement the recommended parking limitation after line 43 and the rule on lines 459-460.	
112-122	As an alternate to providing paper copies of documents, provide options of electronic submission or reference to organization web page where materials are posted by organization.	V.B. Strongly support requirement but question the large amount of paper that will have to be submitted to CRS.	

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115	Add "Emergency Plans" to the requirements.	I believe all organizations need to submit a procedure identifying an "effective network" of communication that would ensure the safety of all participants, i.e., code red advisory and the restrictions accompanying the conditions. The use of the Council of governments (C.O.G.) as the standardized report of conditions. The purpose of this recommendation is to harness the communication tools available today and require all organizations to develop a plan to notify a large group of users with meaningful guidelines and information. uth Listed below are a number of other conditions that could be included. Lightning, hurricanes, tornadoes. National emergencies. Injuries Field conditions.	
128		Is this list from the previous seasons Information? I think this is the case and should be stated, similar to the way it is in line 133.	
128-130	"A registration list of individual players by sport and age for youth teams. A registration list for adult teams that includes sport, names, gender, addresses, and telephone numbers."	Youth teams would have difficulty releasing the personal data of name, gender, addresses, and telephone numbers of the youths because of privacy and safety issues.	
128-130	As an alternate to providing the requested information, provide the option of providing a summary of registrant information that has been audited by a third party.	V.C.1 The release of detailed personal information, particularly minor raises serious privacy concerns.	
151	replace "and" with "or"	V.D.4. If state law but not federal law prohibits the discrimination, I assume that the policy will allow denial to that organization.	
159 (p. 7)	[section] XII should be changed to IV, where concessions, etc. are discussed	Correct reference needed	
p. 8	Make-up games should be included in the allocation list,	All activities/contingencies should be included so we know their priority	
164-165	Change paragraph to state that organization cannot sublet or re-allocate space to another organization.	V.D.8. Paragraph appears to limit a field's use to the specific sport that CRS assigned to the field. This limitation precludes multi-sport organizations from adjusting usage among sports programs to best serve sports programs needs.	
After line 165, add:	9. Users have parked automobiles, trucks, tractors, wagons, or other motor vehicles outside of the designated parking lots.	This will give CRS clear authority to deny facility requests or terminate use if users violated the rule on lines 459-460.	
After line 165, add:	10. In the case of neighborhood parks, residents in the immediate vicinity of the park are being denied access to the park because too many groups are scheduled.	Small, neighborhood parks, such as Dowden Terrace, were designed for use by residents in the immediate vicinity. If such parks are over scheduled, those residents could be denied use of the park.	

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169-173	Table 1 has a column titled “ Seasons”, which lists “Fall, Spring, and Summer”. Under the table, the comment identifies “... to the season start date noted in Table 1”.	The column in Table 1 should be changed to match the comment so that “Seasons” should be “Season Start Date”. Then “Fall” would be changed to “Aug 15”.	
171-173	Specify specific dates, rather than “6 months prior.” Requiring registration for new organizations to occur 6 months prior to registration for existing organizations seems to place too large a burden on new organizations, as it means that the needs would have to be identified nine months in advance for a new organization. It would be difficult for a brand new organization or sport to have some idea of needs that early. Suggest 2 months earlier, rather than six.	Consistency with preceding table, plus it is not clear what the “season start date noted in Table 1 refers to, since season start dates aren’t in Table 1. It appears, from later on, that the intent was 6 months prior to the request date required for existing organizations. Requiring registration for new organizations to occur 6 months prior to registration for existing organizations seems to place too large a burden on new organizations, as it means that the needs would have to be identified nine months in advance for a new organization. It would be difficult for a brand new organization or sport to have some idea of needs that early. Suggest 2 months earlier, rather than six.	
174	Tournament applications must be submitted separately and will be processed according to guidelines in section VII. Due date for tournament applications shall be January 2.	Table 1 does not list a deadline date for tournament applications. Line #174 does not list a deadline date. Section VII does not list a deadline. There does not appear to be a deadline Date for filing tournament applications within the Policy and Procedures.	

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176 +++	game fields for secondary season sports be given the second priority behind Youth primary season sport games.	<p>The major area of concern regards game fields. Line 176 states how the fields will be allocated. There are primary and secondary seasons. Soccer's primary season will be the fall, secondary the spring (as it is now.) After high school sports and Park Authority sponsored programs, the field allocation will give priority to:</p> <p>a) Athletic League Organizations</p> <p>1) youth sport primary season games</p> <p>2) then youth sport primary season sport practices</p> <p>3) then adult primary season sport games</p> <p>b) then Groups of individual teams not affiliated with an organization playing games in their primary sport season - (anyone can go reserve a field before we would even get a game field)</p> <p>c) then Athletic League Organizations</p> <p>1) youth secondary season sport games,</p> <p>2) youth secondary season sport practices</p> <p>3) adult secondary season sport games.</p> <p>The bottom line is that soccer's chances of getting playable game fields in the Spring are going to become very difficult with the priority given over to Lacrosse, Baseball and Field Hockey. They will all be given practice fields before we even get a game field. There are not enough rectangular fields of suitable size and condition to go around for all the sports that want them. Otherwise soccer may not have enough safe fields to play upon in the Spring season.</p>	
176 -200	Lists the rules for scheduling permitted fields.	There is no mention of the date the application was submitted. Will that be used to determine the priority ranking of an application when more than one organization wants a field at the same time and for the same reasons?	
177	FCPS must submit the current scheduled use of existing fields before they will receive additional permitted space. FCPS teams should be subject to the same rules for players per team and teams per field as community groups	FCPS should make use of all school field space before any additional space is permitted to them. That includes games field	
177	Add qualifier that high schools only get priority if they have entered into MOU on use of school fields with community youth organizations.	VI.D.1. First priority allocation of fields to high schools provides no incentive to high schools to share their fields with community and continues current misuse of community fields by some high schools.	

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	<p>B. Public athletic fields are allocated as follows:</p> <p>FCPS official high school sports off campus usage if the high school sports have an active co-investment, co-usage program with identified projects and agreements with local clubs and organizations. The objective of this arrangement is to improve field availability and quality of both high school and adjacent intermediate, elementary school and park fields for both the high school and club teams.</p>	<p>LINE 177:High School sports need to work with Club sports with respect to field availability and field quality.</p> <p>First, high schools should partner with their local clubs to develop co-investment, co-usage strategies for both on campus and elementary school fields. Currently, many high schools don't allow local clubs to use their on-campus fields but also use neighboring Elementary School fields. Those fields get torn up but the clubs aren't motivated to invest in those fields because they know the high schools will use them without any consideration to minimizing damage to fields.</p> <p>DCRS is powerless to effect change here but it's an important opportunity for the Fairfax County School board to strongly encourage partnerships between the clubs and the high schools. Where such partnerships exist, on-campus high school fields are typically of a higher quality due to field investments by the local clubs.</p>	
After line 178, add:	3. In the case of a neighborhood park, residents in the immediate vicinity of the park.	Neighborhood parks, such as Dowden Terrace, were established primarily for the use of neighborhood residents. However, line 200 relegates non-scheduled pick-up games -- the most likely use of such parks -- to the bottom of the allocation priority list. This policy undermines the primary purpose of these small parks.	
179	Delete or re-phrase: "...unless they receive either game or practice time through any other organization, group, or individual, other than for competitive play against that organization, group, or individual."	Difficult to interpret. I'm a member of the FCAC and I don't even understand this exactly. Either re-phrase or leave it out. What is the value added if retained?	
179 to 182 x 7	Incorporate into existing paragraph: "On Saturdays, adults shall have priority in field assignments after 3:30 PM throughout the year."	Allows some access (20% of daylight hours) for adults, otherwise they will be excluded from athletic field use on days with high demand.	
186	Provide higher priority relative to adult games for secondary season games of regional youth sports leagues.	VI.D.3.a.3. Disagree that adults should get priority over youth secondary season sports games. Would result in adult games having priority over youth leagues (WAGS, NCSL, ODSL).	
187-188	Youth Secondary season sports games, youth secondary sport practices.	Youth should receive allocation priority before adult groups	
187-188	<p>Provide higher priority relative to unaffiliated teams for secondary season games of regional youth sports leagues.</p> <p>Clarify what is unaffiliated teams includes.</p>	VI.D.3.b Disagree that unaffiliated teams should get priority over youth secondary sports games. Would result in their game having priority over youth leagues (WAGS, NCSL, ODSL). Also it is not clear what is included in this category.	
190	Move up to D.3.a.2."	Secondary sport games should be scheduled in priority before any sport practices are scheduled. This way, at least secondary league games, especially travel and select games are assured of having game space and not be lost to other sport's practices. Practices that are moved down the priority list have the added alternative of finding Class 3 space or otherwise non game	

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190-191	Adult primary season sport games, Adult secondary season sport games, groups of individual teams not affil with an organization games	Same comment as above. Priority should be youth sports.	
196	replace “i.e.” in both places it appears with “e.g.”	VI.D.5. As proposed, it could be interpreted that a family reunion and a corporate picnic are the only kinds of one time use covered here.	
196	make m in “Major” lower case	VI.D.5. Did you mean to define the term “Major organization” somewhere?	
198	Reword to “Allocation of additional fields due to increases in enrollment from the same season the previous year.”	The intent of this line is not clear. Later on, the draft policy implies that fields will be proportional by enrollment. If putting this criteria 6 th only refers to increases in actual registrations from the previous year, and previous year actuals are used as the basis for allocation, then it just needs to be clarified. If it implies grandfathering in a number of fields, this isn’t fair and should be corrected. By putting increase in enrollments sixth on the ordered list of allocation factors, one is grandfathering in by sport, rather than trying to meet the stated goal of “Maximizes the use of available resources in a fair and equitable manner, thus enabling the largest number of County residents to have access to public athletic fields.”	
198	Move priority up to 4.	VI.D.6. Low priority for expansion will hurt growing organizations.	
201	:...adult scheduling limitations, such as ????	Give an example or two. Reader has no idea what the “limitations” might mean—either for or against adult desires for more fields.	
205	“The FCPA and the FCPS determine which fields are available for community use and when they will be available in a particular season. Each agency provides a list to the DCRS and allocations are made by the DCRS from those listings.”	Clarifies the responsibilities.	
207	Re-write as follows: “Additional field resources may be available from the following: “	Not all of these resources are actually “entities.” Also, the wording is confusing as it could be construed to mean that only certain organizations qualify for these particular fields.	
210	???Fairfax County leased fields??	Should “Fairfax County” be “DCRS?” (see first entry above)	
211-212	Remove “or leased” from wording.	VII.B.2 through 4. As defined it includes both fields developed with public funds and fields leased to organizations and subsequently developed with the organization’s funds. Policy should encourage development of fields by organizations.	

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216 – 221	Current Known Field Availability Dates.	Our spring sports season runs from Mid March to Mid May. That is just the time the games are played and this is set because our schools graduate the students by Mid May. Mid March does not allow for any preseason training and tryout period. The dates listed for the spring season are a problem for Oakcrest. Can the fields be opened earlier for a specific user/requestor?	
222-224	Delete football exception	All sports should receive equal treatment for opening and closing dates	
218	Softball (Sp) 11 to 18 year old	Our school plays in a high school varsity softball league and our upper classmen are older than 15.	
228	A preliminary field allocation will be made for each applicant meeting the season's filing deadline. It is based on the previous season's registration information. A conditional field allocation may be made...based on ??? A final field allocation will be made after each applicant submits its current registration information.	... I can't find any previous mention of this stage of the application process nor is it identified in "IV. Definitions." All three terms--preliminary, conditional, and final--should be listed in the Definitions section.	
228-232	Each season's allocation will be based upon last year's Audited individual player registration information. This will allow DCRS to verify requirements based on quantifiable data. If an organization has grown significantly, it can appeal the allocation and apply for additional space.	LINE 228-232: This policy is impracticable as written but could be modified very effectively. First if preliminary & final allocations are based on last year's ACTUAL, AUDITED individual registrations, allocations would typically be more accurate. The current system encourages organizations to overstate their numbers and since the county does not see the actual individual registrations, there is no checkpoint in place to prevent this behavior. Secondly, current season registrations occur throughout the season. I would estimate that every club in the county only has 70-80% of their registrations complete on the dates that permits are issued. If a program experienced growth over the previous year, the allocation based on the previous year could be appealed.	
230	Add validated in place of distributed.	The timing is strict and not realistic. When final registration numbers are in, the season is well under way and the fields are already being used. However, this procedure would greatly impact the following year.	
233	??Approved allocation formula??	What is this and where is the definition for an applicant to use?	
249 x 2	Adult Soccer (F, Sp, Su)	Table 2 should reflect the fact that adult soccer has 3 primary seasons –Fall, Spring and Summer—and they are each of equal importance for field assignments. Adult soccer is not, and never has been, tied to the traditional youth/school Fall season only, and this should be explicitly taken into account in order to preserve its priority in the allocation rules defined in this policy proposal.	

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249 Table 2 x 2	Change Lacrosse from Minimum players per team from 20 to 16 and maximum to 22	There are only 10 players on the field at any one point in time and having 20 players only give ½ a game per player, this should be more in line with football and soccer.	
249	Lacrosse(SP) Age group 7 to 8 year olds Min # 16/Max 24 Lacrosse (SP) 9to10 Lacrosse (SP) 11 to 18	This is the standard that all NVYLL teams utilize 16/24 6 minimum and 24max was generated by Rich Miller The athletic council rep for Lacrosse	
249	Reduce minimum players for lacrosse to 16 for all age groups.	Table 2. Minimum players per team for lacrosse is high especially relative to other sports. High minimum number will unfairly reduce fields allocated to lacrosse	
249 Table 2	An additional category of lacrosse players, "Ages 6 and Under" should be included,	Since this sport is expanding rapidly and younger players are starting to play and learn the game.	
249	clarify cut off date for determining ages	Table 2. Example: "6 and under" as of what date, the application date, the beginning of the season, the end of the season, the usually recognized cut off date for the particular sport?	
249	Increase minimum players for baseball and softball to be more consistent with other sports (suggest 15 to 16).	Table 2. Minimum players per team appears low for baseball/softball at 11 and older and is not consistent with other sports. Low number in conjunction with Table 3 allocations overstates baseball/softball field requirements.	
249 and others	Add Rugby	<p>Rugby in the United States is governed by USA Rugby. The primary season is in the spring culminating with a national championship. Additionally, several "all-American" clinics are held each spring to pick a team to represent the United States in the world cup and international play. Local rugby unions from eight territories sponsor rugby clubs throughout the U.S. The Mid-Atlantic Rugby Football Union (MARFU) is the territorial body for this region. MARFU consists of several unions (Eastern Penn, Potomac, and Virginia rugby unions). The Potomac Rugby Union (PRU) hosts over 80 clubs (18 men's clubs, 17 colleges, 5 masters clubs, 5 women's clubs, 9 women's colleges, 3 girls' youth clubs and 27 boys' clubs from Va., Md., and DC.</p> <p>Most private schools sponsor rugby. Fairfax county schools do not recognize rugby as a school varsity sport but it enjoys club status at some public schools or it is sponsored by youth organizations such as McLean Youth Incorporated (MYI).</p> <p>U-19 youth rugby has been played in McLean in the spring since early 1970's. At one time McLean High School and Langley High School both sponsored club teams. Since the early 1980's McLean Youth Inc., has sponsored spring rugby. We generally field two boys teams and one girls team for a total of approximately 70 players. There are</p>	

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		<p>six youth teams in Fairfax county. We are expecting significant growth in our program this year due to a rugby interest day at the end of last school year (2002). We had approximately 100 students from Langley high school sign up for information about rugby. McLean high school had over 40 entries. The recent addition of several teams in Maryland and DC has increased the availability of available matches.</p> <p>The U-19 primary rugby season (15 – a side) begins in February and runs through June. February is reserved for conditioning and clinics with games beginning in early March.</p> <p>There are several spring tournaments including Cherry Blossom (Washington DC – April), Potomac Rugby Union High School Championship (local venue – end of April), East Coast Championships (east coast venue – 2 weeks after PRU), and a National Championship (national venue mid-May). The PRU selects top players from Virginia, D.C. and Maryland to play a Va/DC vs. Md all-star match in late May and selects the best rugby players from the all stars to play the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union all-stars in early June and Met New York Rugby Union all –stars in mid-late June.</p> <p>Most recently the PRU hosted the eastern U-19 championship playoffs in 1997 and 2000. The PRU alternates as host for the EPRU and METNY games every other year.</p> <p>The teams move to a seven – a side format after June (following national rugby unions).</p> <p>In recent years local teams have sponsored U-12 non-contact teams in the summer time usually July-August time frame. MYI tried a pilot U-12 program last year and has determined that interest exists to develop a team to compete with Arlington, Springfield, Centerville, Baltimore and other local organizations in the summer of 2003.</p> <p>Boys 7th – 12th Grades (U-14 and U-19 teams) Girls 9th – 12th Grades (U-19) Boys and girls U-12 –summer league*(experimental basis)</p> <p>The Seven- a side rugby season (adults and U-19) is June thru September. It is generally played as tournament play on a weekly basis. Matches consist of two seven-minute halves; teams play double elimination tournaments. A similar national tournament structure and country representation system exists for seven- a side U-19 rugby.</p>	

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249	Change the minimum number of players per team [for youth football] to 14.	FCYFL has in it's rules a 14 player minimum rule now for all age groups. Our statistics recorded over the past 30 years indicate that 16 players is not realistic and that would mean numerous teams would have to fold or receive a lower number of practice and game slots. 14 player minumum reflects reality.	
250	"...maximum number of teams..." Not "numbers"	Subject-verb agreement.	
Footnote 1	Does this mean that the out-of-county players are or aren't included in the headcount of "maximum?"	Needs clarification; intent is very obscure.	
257	Consideration will be given to size of fields.	You can't have six U6 soccer teams playing on one field if it is not full sized. Consideration must be given to size of field allocated.	
258	Change to state that for field development that was funded by organizations, the fields will not be counted in allocation for a defined number of years (suggest seven years)	VII.D.5. As currently written paragraph does not recognize or support organization efforts to develop fields. Development of fields by sports organizations, which will increase available fields in the long run should be encouraged.	
261-3	Add: "So also will be privately-owned fields and County high school fields used by private teams."	Several privately owned fields have been developed in the County and are used by teams that also ask for allocation of County-controlled fields. We applaud this. Further, some private teams have access to high school fields because of the participation of high school coaches in private teams. We do not approve of this, because it constitutes an unfair advantage for those teams. In both cases, not counting the availability of these fields to private teams is unfair to teams relying solely on County fields.	
264 x 4	The County will guarantee permanent assignment of the fields to the organizations with Adopt-A-Field agreements.	The organizations have dedicated the time and money to maintain these fields. The county needs to guarantee that the fields will continue to be allocated to these organizations. If the organizations withdraw their support then the upkeep of these fields will end up costing the county money.	
264-268	Change to state that in return for adoption of fields organizations will be provided priority in allocation of space on field. Suggest that if participant numbers warrant, organizations assured of minimum percent allocation in return for adoption (suggest 75%).	VII.D.7. As currently written paragraph does not provide any encouragement for the partial or full adoption of fields. The allocation criteria should provide clear encouragements for field adoption while stating that use is not guaranteed.	

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264-268	The County will make best efforts to allocate usage of fully or partially adopted fields to those organizations with Adopt-a-Field or Friends-of-the-Field agreements, but does not guarantee exclusive use or permanent assignment of those fields. Every 12 months, each adopt-a-field project will be reviewed by the adoptee, the county and the FCPS/FCPA stakeholder to determine if sufficient funds are being invested and results achieved to warrant continued partial or full adoption status.	LINE 264-268: This policy will DISCOURAGE adoption of fields. Not all clubs have equal resources to invest but the primary/secondary sport system allows clubs that either don't invest or invest only marginal amounts to request and receive fields that have been upgraded due to another clubs time and money. A system should be developed where the organization that adopts a field should be required to report on all investments over the current 12 month period with feedback from the FCPS or FCPA Point-of-Contact to testify to the activity and results. If the Adopting Organization is actively investing in a field with observable results, that organization should receive that field irregardless of the primary/secondary season designation.	
265	insert "and scondary season" after primary season.	If the county is going to continue to encourage clubs to asopt fields, every effort must be made to allow maximum usage for those clubs adopting fields. Although the county may have experienced in the past situations where clubs expect too much control over field usage because they have been adopted, they also must be sensitive to the fact that there are clubs willing to invest more resources into fields, but will not do so becasue of excessive field usage and lack of permitted time allocated. Nottoway soccer field is an example.	
267-8	After the comma on line 267, change to read: "guarantees use and permanent assignment of those fields but may not be able to make that assignment exclusive."	The reasons for not guaranteeing exclusive use or permanent assignment are clear. On the other hand, not being assured of guaranteed use of the fields will cause organizations to think again about making investments in these fields, investments that over the years include tens of thousands of volunteer hours and hundreds of thousands of dollars.	
269	Where possible, less competitive or house programs will be assigned fields within their community. Where possible, higher competitive program or select/travel programs will be allocated fields based on the central location of the participants in the program.	Select/Travel programs often draw participants from outside the local community, putting a burden on county residents to make practices on fields that are inconvenient and out of the way. This penalizes programs that are more desirable for county residents, but is not centrally located.	
271	after the word "Table" insert: "(subject to the designation in VII.D.7. above)"	VII.D.9. For clarity.	
272	Spring: field opening date to June 14 (June 30 for adult sports)	LINE 272:The June 14 th date discriminates against adult spring sports who typically have to pay the county non-resident fees. Each spring some of the Class I fields are taken off line for all or portion of the season. If rainouts occur, adult sports often don't have enough slots to complete their season by June 14 th . For this reason, the adult sport spring season should be extended to June 30.	

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272	Switch field hockey to fall and add youth rugby to spring	<p>Table 3. Currently field hockey is designated as spring sport and youth rugby is not recognized.</p> <p>Field Hockey has historically been a fall sport for public schools and youth leagues have been developed in Oakton, Centerville, McLean and other locations accordingly. In these locations public high school fields have been used for the youth league program and the high school varsity players and coaches are deeply involved - this involvement, in fact a partnership with local public high schools, would not be possible in the off-season where coaches and varsity players are participating in other sports.</p> <p>Rugby has historically been a spring sport with clubs, private schools and youth leagues all participating. Rugby has been played in Fairfax County for over 15 years. Additional documentation for rugby is attached.</p>	
272 x 2	Add Adult Soccer to each season in the primary season column in Table 3	Adult soccer has 3 primary seasons –Fall, Spring and Summer—and they are each of equal importance for field assignments. Adult soccer is not, and never has been, tied to the traditional youth/school Fall season only, and this should be explicitly taken into account in order to preserve its priority in the allocation rules defined in this policy proposal.	
272	For baseball, change Spring Seasonal Schedule Dates as follows: Spring: field opening date to June 30	<p>Limiting the Spring season to June 14 and stipulating that all games must be completed within the allocated season (Line 276) would have very serious negative impacts on the Babe Ruth program. The Babe Ruth season typically runs from early April to July 1, with some leagues using the last week of June for local tournaments. District tournaments are scheduled from July 1 through July 18, the exact dates depending on the schedule that national Babe Ruth sets for World Series play and figuring back through Regional and State tournaments to get the appropriate District dates. This recommendation assumes that field allocations for District tournaments and, from time to time, State tournaments hosted by local leagues, are handled separately. If they are part of the basic allocation, then we would recommend that the Spring season run through July 18.</p> <p>The impacts of the County-proposed close-out date plus line 276 on our players would be as follows: Ages 5-14. Since County elementary and middle schools do not operate school baseball programs, Babe Ruth offers the only community-based opportunity for organized competition. Taking two</p>	

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		<p>weeks away from our historic time period would require either doing away with local intra-league tournaments or reducing the number of games played by 20% or so, not to mention making make-up of rained out games almost impossible, further reducing the number of games played. For baseball-loving kids, the reduction in games played would cause many now playing Babe Ruth ball to opt to play for private teams, which play many more games per week than Babe Ruth can schedule, including sometimes four games per weekend, but also charge high fees compared to Babe Ruth, thus closing out this option for many children of parents with limited means. In both cases, community-based baseball loses a good bit of its ability to serve County youth, particularly the average player who may not be invited to play on a private team</p> <p>Ages 15-18. Many, but not all, players in this age group play high school baseball. For those, with a close-out date of June 14, Babe Ruth would have time to schedule no more than 8 games. Rain-outs would reduce this even further. This would lead most players in this category to opt for private teams, thus essentially killing the Babe Ruth program. For those players not making the high school or JV teams, the 8 games would be only a small taste of baseball and would probably sharply reduce the number of boys opting to sign up with Babe Ruth. And since these players would not be invited to play on private teams, many would play no baseball at all.</p>	
281	Reduce softball and baseball games to one per week to be comparable with other sports. Reduce practice times to reflect lower density of teams/players on practice fields (as written 12 baseball/softball players get one practice field as compared to 40 lacrosse players).	Table 4 Allocations for baseball and softball provide these sports 2.5 times as much practice time and 3.5 to 5 times as much game time as is provided for soccer, football, and lacrosse. Allocations need to be more comparable between sports.	
281	Increase football practice time to 4.5 hours for ages 11 to 18 and to 3 hours for ages 7 to 10.	Table 4. The current amount of practice time allocated to football, 10 hours per week before school starts and 6 hours per week after school begins, is scarcely sufficient to have players understand the game in its most simplistic form. As most of MYI's players have no experience and there is a need for repetition of drills to teach skills the proposed practice time for football is insufficient. Because football is a contact sport it requires players to develop conditioning for contact, by and through contact. Practicing less time / hours than currently would seriously endanger players, putting them at risk physically.	

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281	Equalize total field time for age groups among all sports. 6 and under should receive 1.5 hour practice and 1 hour game allocation for all sports 7-8 years 1.5 hour practice and 1.0 hour game for all sports 9-10 years 3.0 hour practice and 1.25 hour game for all sports 11-12 years 3.0 hours practice and 1.5 hour game for all sports 13-18 years 3.0 hours practice and 2.0 hour game for all sports	Baseball and softball are getting much more field time than other sports. All sports would like more time to play and practice. There should be equality for all sports.	
281	Change soccer practice hours for ages 7-8 and 9-10 to 2 hours per week.	Two 1-hour practices per week are minimum for primary season teams.	
281 Table 4 x 2	Change lacrosse (ages 9 to 10) practice hours from 1.5 hours per team per week to 2 hours per team per week	Lacrosse is a skills game and in order for the children to pick up the needed skills you need two one hour practices.	
281	Lacrosse (SP) 7 to 8 year olds Practice per wk 8 hours wk 6 hours the minimum 9 to 10 year olds 8 hours of practice a week 11 to 18 year olds 8 hours a week practice	Standards established from when lacrosse began in county Weather limits actual availability for practice during spring Same standards/same minimum Spring sports usually have severe weather factors to consider Same standards with no minimum Weather plays key component in fields uage in request vs. actual	
281 Table 4	For the proposed new category of players, "Aged 6 and Under, " include practice time of 1.5 hrs/week and 1 hr for game/week	Lacrosse is a skills game and in order for the children to pick up the needed skills, even at this level, they need 1.5 hours or practice	
281	Change number of practice hours for youth football	It has come to my attention that there is a pending change to the policy concerning field allocation for football practice. As a parent of a 125 pound player, I am concerned that the policy change will adversely effect my son. The present practice time that he has on the 125# team is insufficient time to prepare him for high school level play. He needs more time on the practice field to learn the game well and be prepared to compete at the high school level. The physical conditioning associated with a practice also helps to develop his strength that minimizes the chances of him getting hurt now and in the future.	
281	Modify Formulas to FOR ALL SPORTS TO: U6 = 1 hour practice 1 hour game U7&8 = (2) 1 hour practices + (1) 1 hour game U9&10 = (2) 1.25 hour practices + (1) 1.5 hour game U11-15= (2) 1.5 hour practices + (1) 2 hour game U15-18=(2) 1.5 hour practices + (1) 2 hour game	LINE 281:This allocation system discriminates AGAINST the Rectangular Sports and FOR the diamond sports. According to my calculations, diamond sport users get around TWICE the field hours per week and because they practice with only one team per field, those sports make less efficient use of our scarce field resources. Here's my calulations: Diamond Sports vs. Rectangular Users:	

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	<p>RECOGNIZE THAT:</p> <p>1. DIAMOND SPORT GAMES ARE 2.5 hours for ages 9 and above.</p> <p>2. DIAMOND SPORTS play two games and practice once per week.</p>	<p>U6s: Equal allocation between the two groups of users</p> <p>7 & 8 year old diamond users get 3.5 hours of field time and 2 events per week. <u>A 27% premium.</u></p> <p>7 & 8 year old rectangle users get 2.75 hours of field time and 2 events per week.</p> <p>9 & 10 year old diamond user get 6.5 hours of field time and 3 events per week. <u>A 236% premium.</u></p> <p>9 & 10 year old rectangle user get 2.75 hours of field time and 2 events per week.</p> <p>11 - 15 year old diamond users get 8 hours of field time and 4 events (i.e. Assuming (2) 1.5 hour practices). <u>A 60% premium.</u></p> <p>11 - 15 year old rectangle users get 5 hours of field time and 3 (i.e. Assuming (2) 1.5 hour practices).</p> <p>16 - 18 year old diamond users get 10.5 hours of field time and 5 events per week. <u>A 210% premium.</u></p> <p>16 - 18 year old rectangle users get 5 hours of field time and 2 events per week.</p> <p>The remedy to this imbalance is to limit all sport and ages age 7 and above to 3 events (game or practice). It's understood that diamond sport games take longer than rectangular sports. At the same time practice sessions of longer than 1.5 hours shouldn't be justified by any sport. The three event limit with no more than 1.5 hour per practice would move towards equality among the diamond and rectangular users.</p>	

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281	Change the Youth football section to reflect the same hours for all age groups. Change the practice hours for all age groups to 4.5 hours. Change the game hours per week to 1.5 for all age groups.	<p>FCYFL divisions are made up of different levels determined by a scale of age/weight. The age group breakdowns as written spread across many weight classes and would cause inequity and confusion. All games are played within the 90 minute time frame. The junior varsity and freshman scholastic games are played in 90 minutes. Two hours for youth football games is nice to have, but not necessary. Two hours would allow plenty of time to enter and leave the actual playing surface but teams would not be playing actual football.</p> <p>The most important and serious part of the reasons for a change in the practice hours assigned is safety. Football is a contact sport! This sport facilitates collisions between people (kids). Football is the only team sport that is full contact and should not be treated the same as every other sport. I know that we are trying to develop a policy that is even for everyone, however, we must face the reality that teaching people to properly block and tackle using their body takes more time to ensure these skills are developed correctly. Shaving back or restricting hours of practice for football to keep in line with the sports is a dangerous path to travel for a policy. Football is played one season and one season only -- the fall. The requirements of this sport calls for specific instruction, repetition, and drilling in the fundamentals of collisions with other kids and proper use of protective equipment. We must maintain the 4.5 hours per week of practice time now in place, to allow for the skills to be developed and maintained. Our record (FCYFL) on catastrophic injuries is exceptional. We must not deviate from a standard that is working. Lowering the hours and/or days of practice time substantially increases the risk of a catastrophic injury to a young player, and that is unacceptable. Tackle football is different and we must treat it as such. We do not request time in the winter, spring, and summer, so he need to maintain our 4.5 hour standard is absolutely necessary and, reasonable for safety alone. Fairfax County does not want to be in a position to explain why we retreated from a proper platform of instruction to a more restricted one with the serious safety issues involved.</p>	
284	Delete primary season reference, make proportional to total registration for all sports	See comment for 81-82	
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290	Delete secondary season reference, make proportional to total registration for all sports	See comment 81-82	
290	Secondary Season Allocation criteria allow for only 1 game period and 1 practice period per team per week. This should be 2 practices and 1 game per week.	Soccer practices twice a week and 1 game per week. While the policy only gives one, this does not paint an accurate picture of demand. The policy should include a statement that says 2 nd day per week of practice fields will be given out in the same order of priority based on availability.	
294 - 295	"Organizations are required to return to CRS any allocated fields and/or field use hours that the organization does not use."	How is this going to be monitored and accomplished? Will there be penalties for holding onto fields that are not being used? This is currently a problem in our area.	
317	??enrollment fee??	Need to clarify what an "enrollment" fee is and how it is different from a "deposit" as indicated in line 308.	
323	Youth Tournaments shall hold priority over Adult Tournaments	This shall be consistent with Article VI "Rules For Scheduling Permitted Use of Public Athletic Fields. Line #'s 183-186 & 189 - 192	
328-330	Tournaments that include or are designated for Fairfax County and for Out-Of-County teams during that Sport's primary season of April 1 thru Labour weekend.	<p>This allocation procedure is inherently unfair to Girls Fast Pitch Softball. All other sports have tournament sites in their normal field allocation from DCRS. Girls fastpitch is the only Sport that <u>must</u> request space in order to host a Tournament. The primary tournament season for Girls Fastpitch Softball starts on around April 1st and typically runs thru mid-August. Allow thru Labour Day weekend to accommodate FAS.</p> <p>Point of Emphasis: FAS has Braddock Park all year around. Soccer and baseball have other similar Park sites available to them - some year around and some just within their primary season. Therefore these sports can simply schedule their weekend tournaments at their allocated Park sites. The primary girls fastpitch softball site is Wakefield Park, which is shared with Adult Softball. In keeping with the historic Athletic policy of youth having priority over adult play, Girls should be given priority at Wakefield over adult tournament or league play. The critical need is that Girls Fastpich be allocated at least half of the approximately 22 weekends available during this period.</p>	
345	add "per [week]" after the word "hours"	IX.A.b. The question is three hours for what time period?	
350	Add: "The fee will be set each year for the following year by the Board of Supervisors upon recommendation by the FCAC. "	Very important to identify the agency responsible for the fee. It must be announced well in advance of registration periods for all the organizations.	

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368	4. Fields not allocated in required geographic areas.	Select/Travel programs often draw participants from outside the local community, putting a burden on county residents to make practices on fields that are inconvenient and out of the way. This penalizes programs that are more desirable for county residents, but is not centrally located.	
368	Add 4. "Field assignments were not sufficient to meet minimum travel/select league requirements in order to be scheduled for home games."	Especially for travel soccer, WAGS, NCSL, etc. require a minimum amount of fields and field space requirements in order to play league games. By not accomodating league game requirements, the county runs the risk of preventing county travel teams from having home games during the season. This seems especially true during the spring season when soccer is desingnated as a secondary season. Unlike all of the other sports, soccer leagues do not distinguish imprtance of spring/fall seasons. The spring season for soccer travel teams is equally important for league standings, league placement, etc.	
369	On line 369 - How to Request a Field Allocation Review - requests must be made within 10 work days of the release of field permits/schedules. This should be changed to allow requests to be made at any time in the order received, up until say the 2nd week of Sept, or April.	It is hard to know the patterns of use until it is too late to do anything about it. There must be a mechanism to release fields that are not being used by the Primary Season sport to the secondary season sports. The definition of Field Allocation Review is unclear.	
401	add "use" after the word "such"	XI.B. Reading clarity.	
401-403	Insert "of a school field" after "use" and before "when"	School board's control of fields should be limited to school fields only	
407	Add: damage occurring as a result of use when fields are wet.	The most damage is done to playing fields when they are used while wet. After the damage is done there is little we can do to repair it sufficiently during the season; therefore the user groups playing afterwards have to deal with substandard fields. Because there are no county officials around while games are being played, teams continue to abuse the fields with no recourse. I would like to see the statement about field damage occurring when wet accompanying the penalties that go along with it. This point cannot be stressed enough.	
407	Either expand this section to include items such as trash, excessive noise, public changing of clothes, operation of lights beyond cutoff times, operation of sound systems beyond cutoff times or where prohibited, public urination and illegal parking or provide another section setting forth penalties for violations.	While there are rules to be followed there are no established penalties set forth. This will make it almost impossible for any type of action to be taken when violated.	
430	Add "and surrounding area" after field	The great majority of trash is not on the field but in the spectator and parking areas.	
431	Change "marking base paths,etc. to read generic.	Use language that is inclusive of all sports and not just baseball. This could be misleading. We have opportunity to include several scenerio's to get the point across.	

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After line 435, add:	J. Users must park automobiles, trucks, tractors, wagons and other motor vehicles in the designated parking lots.	This strengthens the rule stated at lines 459-460 which requires users to "agree to" this requirement.	
441	Replace "County" with " ???"	Not sure what "County" means here. Is it DCRS? Remember the need for consistency.	
445	Add "and urinate" after clothing.	Public urination is common at these fields, particularly the lighted ones.	
449	"..prior approval ... from who?"	Is this the same as para J2, line 440? If so, spell it out.	
458	Add here or in new section requirement to obey Health Department rules.	Example is that no animals are allowed on school grounds for health reasons.	
459	Add "only" after vehicles.	As written it does not prevent parking in other areas such as grassy areas around fields.	
467	Add section requiring compliance with light time restrictions.	Some fields have light time restrictions.	
467	Add section requiring compliance with sound restrictions.	Some fields have restrictions on public address systems (fixed or portable). In addition the Fairfax County Code restricts sound levels at boundaries of residential property after 9 PM.	
Other	FCPS should make their game fields available for community scheduling on when they are not in use. (Esp on Sundays and Saturdays)		
	Class 1 fields like Nottoway should have user fees and restricted use. The fields are in terrible condition due to overuse. Maintenance is impossible due to overuse. Open use hours could be set and regulated for Class 1 fields		
	Permitted space should not be restricted to field space only. Open space should be permitted as well.		